

**STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 15-19, 2010 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies and global approaches to U.S. education; and

WHEREAS, by participating in such programs our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and are more prepared to succeed in a global environment; and

WHEREAS, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security. When one considers these challenging economic times, the importance of preparing citizens for engaging in a global economy is of paramount importance and can be fostered through educational and cultural exchange; and

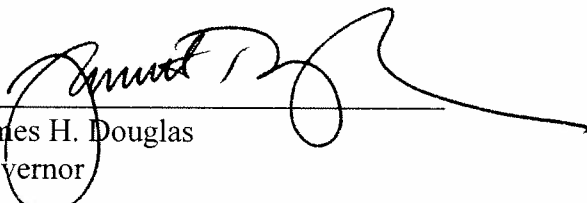
WHEREAS, through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security and well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **November 15-19, 2010** as

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

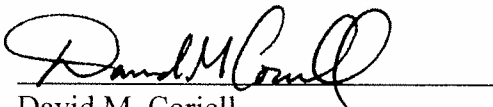
in Vermont and I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 12th day of October, A.D. 2010.



James H. Douglas
Governor

By the Governor:



David M. Coriell
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs